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"IT'S THE MOMENT OF TRUTH, WILL!"
E. knickerbocker
PRINCIPAL
"THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE FALLEN ASLEEP IN CLASS, RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A LESSON!"
"THE PRINCIPAL IS DEMANDING AN EXPLANATION, BUT YOU CAN'T OPEN YOUR MOUTH!"
"ALL OF A SUDDEN, YOUR WINGS APPEAR! USE THEM TO FLY AWAY! ESCAPE FROM THIS EMBARRASSMENT AND SHAME!"
"THERE! NOW YOU'RE LIGHTER THAN AIR AND THIS OFFICE BECOMES HUGE! VAST..."

"DON'T MOVE, WILL! IF YOU STRUGGLE, YOU'LL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE! WAIT FOR ME..."
"...I'LL BE RIGHT THERE TO HELP YOU!"
"WHAT'S WRONG? HAVE YOU GOTTEN STUCK SOMEHOW?"
WILL VANDOM! WOULD YOU GET DOWN FROM THERE, PLEASE?
HUH? DOWN FROM WHERE?
FROM THE CLOUDS! WHERE YOUR HEAD HAS BEEN! WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, DEAR? I THINK YOU'RE FALLING ASLEEP ON YOUR FEET!

THE ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF HAS NOTICED YOUR DISTRACTION! YOU MAY NOT BE ABSENT, BUT YOU'VE CLEARLY BECOME ABSENT-MINDED, MISS VANDOM!
I'M SORRY, MS. KNICKERBOCHER! THE FACT IS THAT I'VE GOT A BIT OF SLEEP TO... UM... TO CATCH UP ON!

DOES YOUR MOTHER ALLOW YOU TO STAY UP LATE TO WATCH TV?
UM, NO! OF COURSE NOT!

THEN DO YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF ROMANTIC PROBLEM? IS SOMEONE KEEPING YOU FROM SLEEPING? A GIRL FRIEND WHO YOU TALK TO FOR HOURS ON THE PHONE?
OH, NO! MY FRIENDS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
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LOOKING AT THEIR FACES, I'D SAY JUST THE OPPOSITE!
HEY!
YAWN!
HUH?

A LITTLE LATER, ON THE SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE GROUNDS...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WE ALL ENDED UP IN MS. KNICKERBOCHER'S OFFICE BECAUSE OF... OF...
NERISSA! LET'S NOT BE AFRAID TO SAY HER NAME!
EVERY TIME I CLOSE MY EYES I SEE HER UGLY FACE!
ME TOO! BY NOW, I'M EVEN AFRAID TO FALL ASLEEP!
BY THE WAY, WHAT DID KNICKERBOCHER SAY TO YOU?
WELL, SHE WANTED TO KNOW...
FIRST LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I DREAMT ABOUT WHEN I WAS TAKING A LITTLE CATNAP IN CLASS!
"I WAS SUDDENLY CHAINED TO THE DESK, LITERALLY, AND IN NERISSA'S CLUTCHES!"
SO WHAT DID SHE DO?
SHE QUIZZED ME ON EVERY SINGLE SUBJECT! IT WAS SO HUMILIATING!
FRESH AS A DAISY! WELL, IT SEEMS THAT ONE OF US IS IMMUNE TO NIGHTMARES!
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HAY LIN'S SO PERKY TODAY! SHE TOLD ME SHE MANAGED TO GO BEDDY-BYE AGAIN LAST NIGHT! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BRIGHT EYES?
NOT A SINGLE DREAM! BUT CONSIDERING THE ALTERNATIVE, THAT'S TOTALLY FINE WITH ME!
TO MAKE UP FOR IT, A STRANGE TUNE HAS BEEN STUCK IN MY HEAD SINCE THIS MORNING!
THIS IS INCREDIBLE! WE ALL RISK HAVING NERVOUS BREAKDOWNS... AND SHE'S WHISTLING!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO HIM?
I DON'T KNOW! SHE'S BEEN ACTING FUNNY SINCE HE WENT OUTSIDE!
IT'S NERISSA'S FAULT! SHE'S WEARING US ALL OUT! WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING!
I'VE GOT A SUGGESTION!
LET'S TAKE A NICE LITTLE TRIP TO MOUNT THANOS AND GIVE THAT DREAM-WRECKER A LESSON SHE'LL NEVER FORGET!

YOU WANT US TO GO AND TAKE ON NERISSA IN HER OWN TURF?
OF COURSE! WHAT'S THERE TO BE AFRAID OF? TOGETHER WE CAN BEAT HER!
I DON'T THINK THE ORACLE WOULD AGREE WITH YOUR PLAN!
HIM? SO WHAT? DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW HE TREATED US THE LAST TIME WE SAW HIM?
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"TO AVOID A BATTLE WITH THE OLD HAG, HE MADE US FORGET ABOUT HER COMPLETELY!"
READ W.I.T.C.H. #18.
ABOUT HER, AND ABOUT CALEB!
I LOVE HIM! BUT I STILL FORGOT ABOUT HIM!
IT WAS A KANDRAKARIAN SPELL, CORNELIA! YOU COULDN'T HELP IT!
THAT'S TRUE, BUT THEN I WONDER..
...IS MAGIC STRONGER THAN LOVE?

IN ANY CASE, WE CAN'T JUDGE THE ORACLE'S DECISIONS!
SAYS WHO, HAY-HEY? WHERE'S IT WRITTEN?
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! IN ANY CASE, THE PROBLEM RIGHT NOW ISN'T THE ORACLE! IT'S THAT WOMAN! DON'T YOU GUYS SEE WHAT SHE'S DOING TO US?
SHE'S SNOOPING AROUND IN OUR DREAMS! FRANTICALLY SIFTING THROUGH OUR THOUGHTS! BUT SHE ONLY WANTS ONE THING...
SHE'S FILLING US WITH DOUBT! SHE WANTS TO WEAKEN US! TO BRING US TO THE BREAKING POINT!
YOU KNOW, TARANIS, I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT!
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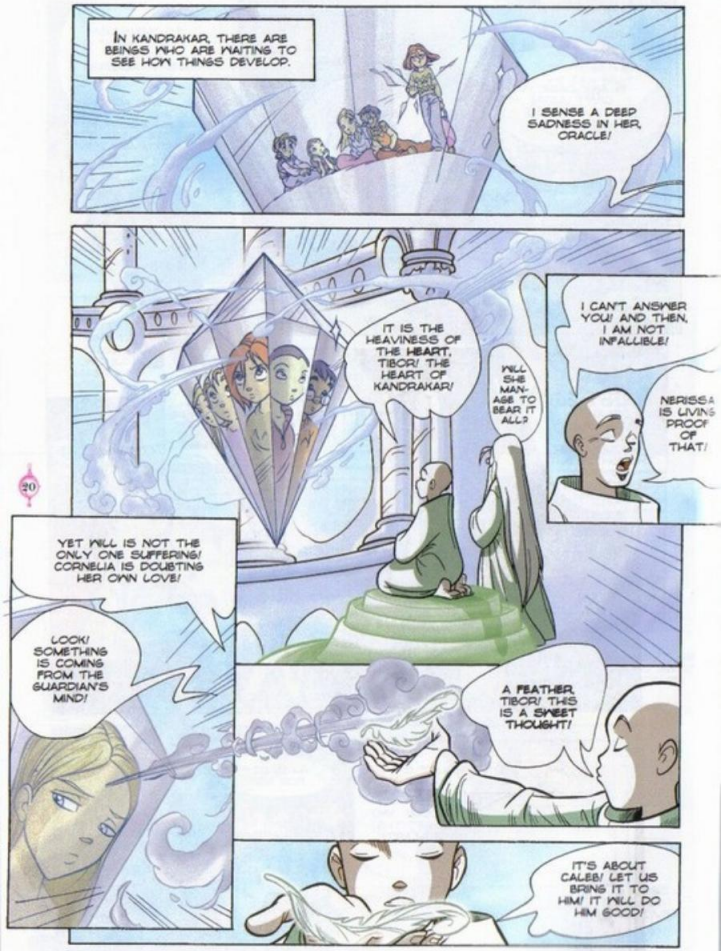
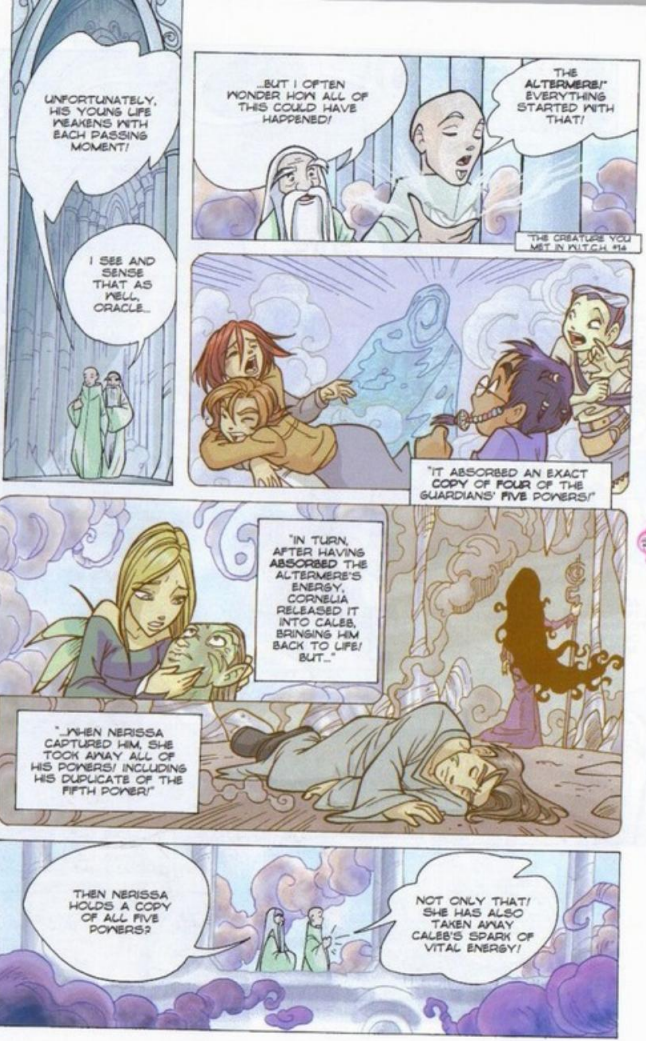
WELL, LET HER COME AND GET THE HEART!
I'M READY FOR HER!


IN KANDRAKAR, THERE ARE BEINGS WHO ARE WAITING TO SEE HOW THINGS DEVELOP.
I SENSE A DEEP SADNESS IN HER, ORACLE!
IT IS THE HEAVINESS OF THE HEART, TIBOR! THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR!
WILL SHE MANAGE TO BEAR IT ALL?
I CAN'T ANSWER YOU! AND THEN, I AM NOT INFALLIBLE!
NERISSA IS LIVING PROOF OF THAT!
YET WILL IS NOT THE ONLY ONE SUFFERING! CORNELIA IS DOUBTING HER OWN LOVE!
LOOK! SOMETHING IS COMING FROM THE GUARDIAN'S MIND!
A FEATHER, TIBOR! THIS IS A SWEET THOUGHT!
IT'S ABOUT CALEB! LET US BRING IT TO HIM! IT WILL DO HIM GOOD!


UNFORTUNATELY, HIS YOUNG LIFE WEAKENS WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT!
I SEE AND SENSE THAT AS WELL, ORACLE...
...BUT I OFTEN WONDER HOW ALL OF THIS COULD HAVE HAPPENED!
THE ALTERMERE! EVERYTHING STARTED WITH THAT!
"THE CREATURE YOU MET IN PITCH #14
"IT ABSORBED AN EXACT COPY OF FOUR OF THE GUARDIANS' FIVE POWERS!"
"IN TURN, AFTER HAVING ABSORBED THE ALTERMERE'S ENERGY, CORNELIA RELEASED IT INTO CALEB, BRINGING HIM BACK TO LIFE! BUT..."
"...WHEN NERISSA CAPTURED HIM, SHE TOOK AWAY ALL OF HIS POWERS! INCLUDING HIS DUPLICATE OF THE FIFTH POWER!"
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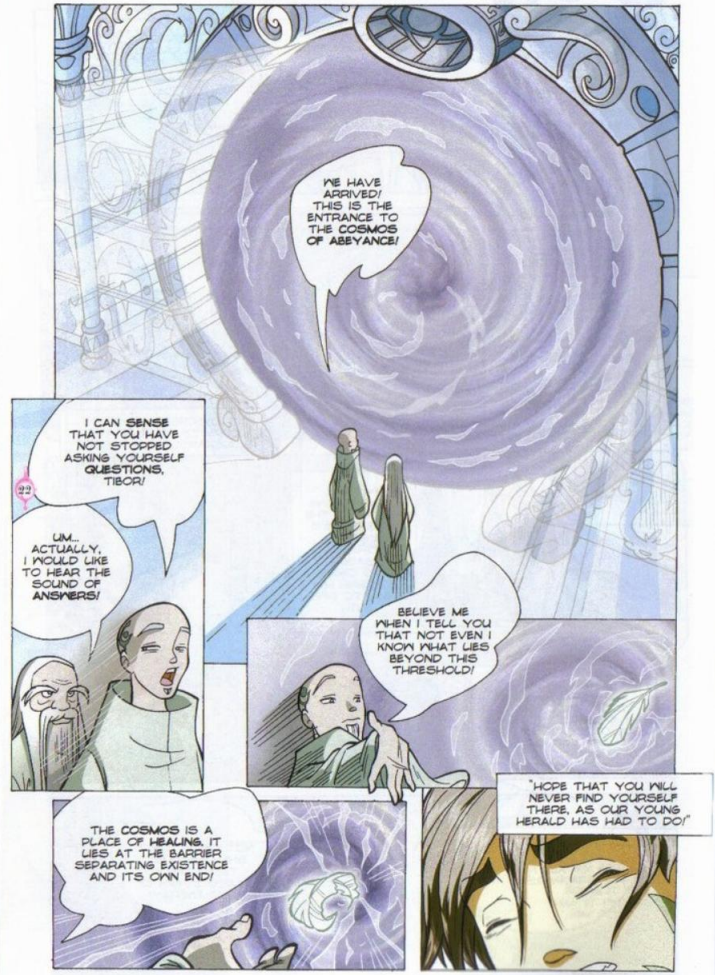
THEN NERISSA HOLDS A COPY OF ALL FIVE POWERS?
NOT ONLY THAT! SHE HAS ALSO TAKEN AWAY CALEB'S SPARK OF VITAL ENERGY!


WE HAVE ARRIVED! THIS IS THE ENTRANCE TO THE COSMOS OF ABEYANCE!
I CAN SENSE THAT YOU HAVE NOT STOPPED ASKING YOURSELF QUESTIONS, TIBOR!
UM... ACTUALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE SOUND OF ANSWERS!
BELIEVE ME WHEN I TELL YOU THAT NOT EVEN I KNOW WHAT LIES BEYOND THIS THRESHOLD!
THE COSMOS IS A PLACE OF HEALING. IT LIES AT THE BARRIER SEPARATING EXISTENCE AND ITS OWN END!
"HOPE THAT YOU WILL NEVER FIND YOURSELF THERE, AS OUR YOUNG HERALD HAS HAD TO DO!"

"THANKS TO THIS FEATHER, THE LANDSCAPE OF THE COSMOS WILL TRANSFORM AROUND CALEB, AND IT WILL LET HIM RELIVE MOMENTS OF HIS PAST!"
"IT WILL SIFT THROUGH THE RUINS OF HIS MEMORY AND ALLOW HIM TO REDISCOVER SMALL REMNANTS OF LIFE..."
"MINISCULE YET INDISPENSABLE GRANULES OF EXISTENCE!"
WHERE AM I? WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
OF COURSE! IT'S MERIDIAN! MY CITY! HOW COULD I NOT HAVE RECOGNIZED IT?
YES, IT'S HER! HER COLORS! HER SMELLS! THE VOICES OF CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE STREETS!

BUT ALSO SUFFERING! THE PRIDE OF A PEOPLE BATTERED AND OPPRESSED BY AN UNJUST TYRANT!
THE DREAM OF A BETTER LIFE! THE HOPE TO SEE THE RETURN OF THE LIGHT OF MERIDIAN ONE DAY...
"MINISCULE..."
THE RETURN OF ELYON!
"...INDISPENSABLE..."
"...GRANULES OF EXISTENCE!"

AT HAY LIN'S HOUSE IN HEATHERFIELD, ABOVE THEIR FAMILY RESTAURANT, THE SILVER DRAGON...
YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S BOTHERING ME?
IT'S THE FACT THAT THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR ONCE BELONGED TO NERISSA!
SO WHAT? YOU AREN'T ANYTHING LIKE HER!
BUT THINK ABOUT IT! IF SHE WAS CHOSEN TO BE A GUARDIAN, IT MEANS THAT IN THE BEGINNING SHE WAS A GOOD PERSON...
...AND THAT SHE BECAME EVIL LATER ON!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE AFRAID OF GOING NUTS AND ENDING UP LIKE HER! CHASING AFTER FIVE KIDS! COME ON! THAT'S CRAZY!
WHY? WHAT IF IT MEANT THAT BEING THE KEEPER OF THE HEART WAS SOME SORT OF CURSE?
WHAT IF IT JUST MEANT YOU NEEDED SOME SLEEP, WILL?
OR THEN AGAIN, SINCE YOU'RE ASKING SO MANY QUESTIONS, MAYBE YOU'RE ACTUALLY EXPECTING SOME ANSWERS?
?

WHAT'S THAT?
A LETTER! THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU TO COME HERE!
IT BELONGED TO MY GRANDMOTHER! I FOUND IT IN HER THINGS!
ACTUALLY, WHOEVER WROTE THIS DIDN'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING SPECIFIC, BUT...
...TAKE A LOOK AT THE INITIAL!
See you soon...
K.
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A K! LIKE... KADMA! THE OLD GUARDIAN!
IT MUST BE! I DON'T REMEMBER HER KNOWING ANYONE WITH THE INITIAL K!
"THE GROUP WAS ONCE COMPOSED OF FIVE GUARDIANS! KADMA, YAN LIN, CASSIDY, HALINOR AND NERISSA..."

NOW WE KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO NERISSA, CASSIDY AND MY GRANDMOTHER...
...BUT KADMA AND HALINOR HAVEN'T RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL!
"THE HONORABLE YAN LIN SITS AMONG THE ELDERS OF THE CONGREGATION AT KANDRAKAR...
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IF THE LAST TWO GUARDIANS WERE THERE WITH HER, THEY WOULD'VE TOLD US SO!
THAT'S WHAT I THINK, TOO!
THAT'S WHY I'M CONVINCED THE OTHER TWO ARE HERE! ON EARTH!
LOOK! IT'LL BE EASY TO TRACK DOWN THE PERSON WHO SENT THIS LETTER!
THE LOGO OF AN ASSOCIATION BASED IN...
...FADDEN HILLS?"
"THE CITY WHERE WILL LIVED IN BEFORE MOVING TO HEATHERFIELD.

THERE ARE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE ANSWERS...
...AND ANSWERS THAT HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE QUESTIONS!
IT IS NOT YOUR JOB TO THINK!
BUT, NERISSA! EMBER AND TRIDART ONLY ASKED YOU...
I KNOW WHAT MY DEVOTED LITTLE CREATURES ASKED ME!
WHY DON'T I ATTACK THE GUARDIANS? WHY DON'T I TAKE BACK THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR?
SILENCE!
THE POINT IS, I DIDN'T CREATE THEM TO MAKE SMALL TALK! THEY DON'T THINK! THEY ACT! NOTHING MORE!

WHILE YOU, SHAGGON, YOU ARE QUITE A DIFFERENT MATTER! ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
I AM YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANT, JUST LIKE THE OTHERS!
EXCELLENT! THEN, TELL ME... WAS IT YOU WHO PUT THOSE QUESTIONS IN THE MINDS OF YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS?
AND IF IT WAS?
YOU'RE A SLY ONE, SHAGGY! I SHOULD PUNISH YOU FOR YOUR INSOLENCE, BUT IF I DID, I WOULD DO SO WITH HATE!
WHICH IS WHY YOUR DEAR COMPANIONS WILL DO IT FOR ME!
AND YOU THRIVE ON THAT BELOVED FEELING!
SNAP
HOW TIRING IT IS TO MANAGE THE SERVANTS!
AAARGH!
SHAAAIRZZ

THE TRUTH IS THAT I CAN'T ATTACK THE GUARDIANS DIRECTLY!
I HAVE TO LIMIT MYSELF TO EXPLORING THEIR DREAMS! I HAVE TO DRAIN THEM, WEAKEN THEM...
SNAP
...BEFORE I ACT!
NERISSA IS REGENERATED BY THE SOUND OF A MAGICAL INSTRUMENT...
...LULLED TO SLEEP BY A STRANGE, EERIE MELODY...
THE PROBLEM IS THAT THESE JOURNEYS INTO THE WORLD OF NIGHTMARES ARE EXHAUSTING ME!

...THAT SAME SOUND MAKES ITS WAY THROUGH TIME, THROUGH SPACE...
...AND THROUGH DREAMS!
OH NO! HAY LIN! WHAT HAPPENED? ARE YOU OKAY?
THAT... THAT MUSIC... I'M HEARING THAT MUSIC AGAIN!
THEN YOU REALLY GOT HIT HARD!
TO GET HERE, WE DECIDED TO USE TRANSPOSITION!
YEAH! WE BASICALLY TELETRANSPORTED OURSELVES!
OOOOH! I REMEMBER NOW! WE'RE IN FADDEN HILLS, RIGHT?
THE PROBLEM IS THAT YOU KNOCKED INTO THAT POST! WHY DIDN'T YOU SEE IT?

THE ORACLE DOESN'T WANT US USING OUR POWERS FOR PERSONAL REASONS, BUT...
...CONSIDER THIS AS AN IMPORTANT TRIP, JUST LIKE A REAL MISSION! I KNOW I DO!
I GREW UP IN THIS TOWN AND I DON'T BELIEVE IN COINCIDENCES!
I DON'T KNOW! ONE THING'S FOR SURE, I MUST HAVE HIT IT STRAIGHT ON! I'VE GOT A SPLITTING HEADACHE!
OKAY! BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU WANT TO TELL THE OTHERS ANYTHING?
KADMA'S LETTER CAME FROM HERE! I HAD TO FIND OUT WHY! TO UNDERSTAND!
I DIDN'T FEEL LIKE LISTENING TO TARANEE'S ADVICE, IRMA'S WISECRACKS, AND CORNELIA'S COMMENTS!
I HAVE A FEELING THIS IS SOMETHING... REALLY PERSONAL!
IN ANY CASE, WE HAVE TO MOVE QUICKLY!

RISING STAR
CYPRESS HILLS! EVER BEEN TO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD?
NO! ALL I KNOW IS THAT IT'S A REALLY RITZY RESIDENTIAL AREA!
WE FOUND IT! THIS IS THE ADDRESS!
THE GROUNDS LOOK LIKE A NATURE RESERVE!
WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? RING THE BELL!
I WOULD IF ONE WOULD JUST APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE!
CRRR_ FOLLOW_ CRRR_ CHEEPEE_
?
?

DID YOU GET WHAT THAT VOICE TOLD US? WHO ARE WE SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW?
A CERTAIN CHEEP OR SOMETHING...
CAW!
BRZZZZ
CLUNK

FLAP FLAP
FIIIIIIII
THIS IS AMAZING!
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS PLACE!
A BLACKBIRD FOR A BUTLER AND A GREENHOUSE FOR A WAITING ROOM!
READ THIS! THE RISING STAR FOUNDATION HELPS CHILDREN WITH NEITHER HOMES NOR FAMILIES!

MANY OF THESE CHILDREN ARE NOW SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSPEOPLE, WELL INTEGRATED IN SOCIETY.
!
AND THIS IS THE ONE AND ONLY WILL! SHE ALWAYS SAID THAT YOU'D COME HERE!
SHE... WHO? HOW DO YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE?
YOU...YOU... MUST BE YAN LIN'S GRAND-DAUGHTER! MAY KANDRAKAR REST HER SOUL!
AND YOU MUST BE KADMA, RIGHT?
I KNOW MANY THINGS! LOOK AT THESE PICTURES CAREFULLY! DO YOU RECOGNIZE ANYONE?
BUT I... I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
WILL, WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?

THAT'S MISS PIBBLETON! SHE USED TO BE ONE OF MY TEACHERS!
THERE'S EVEN MY FIRST SWIMMING COACH, HERE IN FADDEN HILLS! AND THEN... THEN...
...MANY OTHERS! ALL YOUNG PEOPLE WHOM OUR ASSOCIATION HAD HELPED!
PEOPLE WHO SECRETLY WATCHED YOUR PROGRESS AND HELPED YOU WHEN YOU WERE IN NEED!
TO THEN REPORT EVERYTHING TO HALINOR! YOU WERE HER PROTEGE!
I FOUNDED THE RISING STAR WITH HER! BUT NOW I'M ALL ALONE!
YOU'RE SAYING THAT YOU WERE SPYING ON WILL...
...THE ENTIRE TIME SHE LIVED HERE, BEFORE SHE MOVED TO HEATHERFIELD?

TAKE THIS! HALINOR WANTED ME TO GIVE IT TO YOU! IT'S THE ONLY REASON I ALLOWED YOU TO COME INSIDE!
A DIARY? I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
CHEEPEE WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY OUT! GOODBYE!
BUT... BUT YOU CAN'T DO THIS!
YOU CAN'T RIP MY LIFE APART AND JUST WALK AWAY!
I OWE YOU NOTHING! UNDERSTAND, LITTLE GIRL? NOTHING!
ONCE I WAS A GUARDIAN! BUT NOW I'LL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU! SO LEAVE! GET OUT! OUT!

COME ON, CHEEPEE! GET US OUT OF HERE BEFORE THINGS GET EVEN WORSE! WE KNOW WHEN WE'RE NOT WELCOME!
YEAH, LITTLE FELLOW! I KNOW IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!
YOU! THAT MELODY! IT... IT CAN'T BE!
OH!
?
?
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER, HAY LIN?
WHO? ME?

"I WAS JUST WHISTLING THAT SONG THAT'S BEEN ON MY MIND FOR DAYS!"
THEN NERISSA HAS RETURNED! IF I'D KNOWN THAT BEFORE...
FLAP FLAP
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ACTED LIKE A GROUCHY OLD WOMAN?
THAT'S JUST HOW I AM! ONCE I HELD THE POWERS OF EARTH!
I GET THE CONNECTION! OUR CORNELIA IS QUITE THE EASY-GOING TYPE HERSELF...
THAT MELODY YOU WERE WHISTLING WAS COMPOSED BY THE FORMER GUARDIAN!
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"AS A GIRL, SHE WAS A MUSICIAN AND JOKINGLY CALLED THAT LITTLE TUNE NERISSA'S TRILL!"
IN THOSE DAYS, SHE AND YAN LIN HAD A VERY CLOSE FRIENDSHIP!
MAYBE THAT'S WHY HAY LIN IS IMMUNE TO HER NIGHT-MARES!
PERHAPS! IN ANY CASE, WE CAN TAKE THAT SONG AS A WARNING!
IT'S A SIGN THAT NERISSA IS ALIVE AND SEEKING REVENGE!

SINCE OUR MISSION BEGAN, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR ANSWERS! BUT WHY DID YOU TRY TO MAKE US LEAVE BEFORE?
SIMPLE! YOU REPRESENT A PAST THAT I'M TRYING TO FORGET!
ONCE I WAS AS YOU ARE NOW, PROUD OF BEING A GUARDIAN! BUT THEN...
WHEN YAN LIN TOLD YOU OUR STORY, SHE DIDN'T TELL YOU THE WHOLE TRUTH!
"THERE WAS A MOMENT WHEN THE ORACLE UNDERSTOOD THAT NERISSA COULD NO LONGER BE THE KEEPER OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR!"
"BLINDED BY JEALOUSY, NERISSA LURED CASSIDY INTO A TRAP AND DID AWAY WITH HER!"
"THE ORACLE DECIDED THAT THE ONLY ONE CAPABLE OF KEEPING THE MAGIC CRYSTAL WAS CASSIDY, AND HE ENTRUSTED IT TO HER!"
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"AFTER THE SENTENCE WAS PASSED ON THAT WITCH, HALINOR AND I FOUND OURSELVES BEFORE THE ELDERS AND..."
"...WE ACCUSED THE ORACLE! HE KNEW WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO CASSIDY, BUT HE GAVE HER THE HEART ALL THE SAME!"
THAT'S WHY YOU'LL NEVER SEE HALINOR OR ME JOINING THE ELDERS IN KANDRAKAR! BECAUSE WE QUESTIONED THE ORACLE'S AUTHORITY!
SO YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A PLACE IN THE CONGREGATION! YOU WERE OUTCASTS?
BUT THEN, MY GRANDMA...
SHE DIDN'T AGREE WITH US, BUT WE REMAINED FRIENDS!
SO IT'S TRUE! BEING THE KEEPER OF THE HEART IS A CURSE!
OH, NO! IT'S A PRIVILEGE! AND IT WAS YOUR DESTINY! YOU WERE BORN UNDER A LUCKY STAR...
...THE STAR OF CASSIDY!

End of Part One.

EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON, THE SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE GROUNDS BECOME A MEETING PLACE.
THE STUDENTS TALK, MAKE PLANS FOR THE WEEKEND OR SAY GOODBYE UNTIL MONDAY.
BUT IN SOME CASES, IT'S MORE THAN SIMPLE CHITCHAT...
THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE IS IN OUR HANDS! YOU ARE THE CHOSEN ONES AND YADA YADA YADA...
I KNEW THAT BIGMIG THE ORACLE COULDN'T BE TRUSTED!
KADMA AND HALINOR WEREN'T IN HIS GOOD GRACES, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING!
MY GRANDMA ALWAYS TRUSTED HIM AND I WANT TO DO THE SAME!
IT'S TRUE! WE ONLY HEARD ANOTHER SIDE OF THE STORY! LET'S NOT JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS!

OH, COME ON! MR. KNOW-IT-ALL HAD TO HAVE KNOWN NERISSA WOULD'VE ELIMINATED CASSIDY...
BUT HE GAVE HER THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR ANYWAY! WHAT SHOULD WE MAKE OF THAT?
MAYBE HE HOPED NERISSA WOULDN'T DO IT! HE WANTED TO GIVE HER A CHANCE!
YEAH! EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES! EVEN PEOPLE WHO NEVER MAKE THEM!
BUT KICKING KADMA AND HALINOR OUT OF KANDRAKAR WAS REALLY LOW!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, TARANEE?
I THINK WE SHOULD BE TAKING CARE OF WILL RIGHT NOW!
SUDDENLY DISCOVERING SHE WAS BEING WATCHED FOR YEARS MUST'VE REALLY BEEN A SHOCK FOR HER!
TODAY SHE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE COMING TO SCHOOL!
SHE SAID SHE'D TRY THE OLD THERMOMETER-ON-THE-LIGHTBULB TRICK!
FAKING A FEVER! IT NEVER WORKS FOR ME! MY MOM'S TOO SHARP!

CALL ME A BUTTINSKY, BUT I THINK I'LL STOP BY TO SEE HER! WHAT DO YOU SAY?
I CAN'T! I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DENTIST! AND NO WISECRACKS!
CORNELIA?
I HAVE TO FINISH ALL OF MY HOMEWORK! OTHERWISE MY PARENTS WON'T BE GOING OUT OF TOWN!
HUH? THEY'RE LEAVING YOU ALL ALONE?
THEY'RE GOING AWAY FOR THE WEEKEND, BUT MY MOM'S ALREADY TOLD OUR NEIGHBOR, WHO'S GOING TO CHECK IN ON ME!
TARANEE? WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO WANTED TO MAKE SURE WILL WAS OKAY?
YEAH, BUT MAYBE SHE'D RATHER BE ALONE FOR A WHILE!
SO, LIKE, YOU'RE NOT DYING TO FIND OUT WHAT'S WRITTEN IN HALINOR'S DIARY?
COME ON! TRY TO CONVINCE ME! BUT I'M WARNING YOU, I CAN READ YOUR FACE LIKE AN OPEN BOOK!
UHM!

"LIE ALL YOU WANT, BUT I'M NOT BUYING IT!"
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MORE JUICE?
THANKS, MS. VANDOM! WILL SHE BE LONG?
JUST FINISHING HER SHOWER AND SHE'S ALL YOURS! IN THE MEANTIME, HELP YOURSELVES!
YUM! THESE COOKIES ARE REALLY GOOD! RIGHT, TAMANEE?
UH-HUH! THEY'RE DELICIOUS!
I'M HAPPY YOU LIKE THEM!
I WAS AFRAID I'D ADDED TOO MUCH POISON!
UGH! COUGH! WHAT?
NERISSA!
YES, BUT RELAX! THE SUBSTANCE YOU'VE JUST INGESTED WON'T TAKE EFFECT FOR A FEW MINUTES!

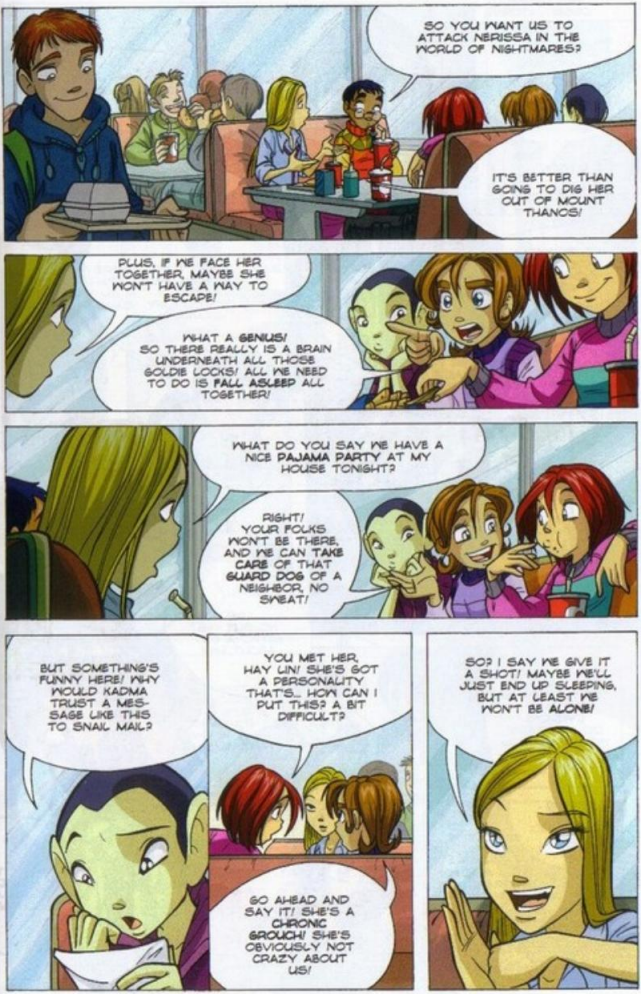
"IN THE MEANTIME, WOULD YOU LIKE SOMETHING TO DRINK?"
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME MORE JUICE?
AAAH! NO!
?
EEEK!
S-SORRY! MAYBE YOU TWO...UM... DOZED OFF?
HUH? WHAT? DID WE FALL ASLEEP?
IT'S JUST THAT WILL'S ALMOST DONE WITH HER SHOWER AND I...
YOU WERE TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO WAKE US UP WITHOUT EMBARRASSING US! OF COURSE!
TH-THANKS MS. VANDOM!
WE'VE BEEN HAVING SOME PRETTY BAD NIGHTMAR... UHM...
THAT IS, WE HAD A REALLY BIG LUNCH! AN AFTERNOON NAP IS JUST WHAT WE NEEDED!
I SEE! GO ON INTO WILL'S ROOM! SHE'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

YOU BOTH HAD THE SAME DREAM?
IT WASN'T JUST ANY DREAM! IT WAS A DREAM NERISSA MADE UP!
MAYBE IT HAPPENED BECAUSE WE FELL ASLEEP RIGHT NEXT TO EACH OTHER!
SOUNDS LIKE AN INTERESTING DEDUCTION TO ME! WE'VE GOT TO TELL THE OTHERS ABOUT IT!
LET'S TALK MAGIC SHOP LATER ON! HOW ARE YOU?
MOM FIGURED OUT THAT MY BEING SICK WAS JUST AN EXCUSE NOT TO GO TO SCHOOL!
UH-OH! SO WHAT'S YOUR PUNISHMENT?
NOTHING! SHE MUST'VE SENSED I WAS FEELING PRETTY DOWN.
A PERCEPTIVE, UNDERSTANDING MOTHER! SOME PEOPLE HAVE ALL THE LUCK!
AND WHAT ABOUT THE... UM... THE DIARY?
WANT TO TAKE A LOOK? IT'S OVER THERE!

YOU SURE YOU DON'T MIND? ISN'T IT SOMETHING PRIVATE BETWEEN YOU AND HALINOR?
MAYBE IT IS AND MAYBE IT ISN'T! BUT I CAN'T TELL, BECAUSE...
HEY! WHAT, IS THIS WRITTEN IN MARTIAN DIALECT?
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WAS ABOUT TO SAY! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND A SINGLE WORD!
FROM THE PICTURES, I'D GUESS IT'S TALKING ABOUT PLANETS...
"...AND STARS!"
NO WAY! NO STARS! YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
IF YOU DON'T WANT THE ONES WITH STARS, WE COULD ASK HIM TO MAKE YOU ONE WITH YOUR NAME WRITTEN ACROSS IT!
THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER MODELS! LOOK AT THE BROCHURE THE DENTIST GAVE YOU!
MOM, READ MY LIPS! THERE'S NO WAY I'M GOING TO WEAR BRACES!
SURE! THAT WAY, ALL I'LL HAVE TO DO TO INTRODUCE MYSELF TO SOMEBODY IS TO SMILE!

IN ANY CASE, YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE A DECISION! YOUR HEALTH COMES FIRST!
WHAT A FUDDY-DUDDY GROWN-UP THING TO SAY! TYPICAL OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD NEVER HAVE WORN BRACES WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG!
I WON'T ALLOW YOU TO TALK TO ME LIKE THIS! WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I COULDN'T AFFORD LUXURIES LIKE THAT!
WELL, IN MY DAYS, THOSE KINDS OF CONTRAPTIONS WEREN'T NECESSARY!
YOU TELL HER, CHEN!
OH, NO! HERE WE GO AGAIN...
...AND I'M STILL SMILING AT LIFE!
YEAH! THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT! CLOSE... CLOSE YOUR MOUTH, PLEASE!
BEFORE I FORGET, THERE'S A LETTER FOR YOU!
HUH? FOR ME?
FROM THE RISING STAR FOUNDATION?

"WHAT COULD KADMA WANT FROM ME?"
IT'S JUST A LITTLE NOTE, BUT IT SEEMS IMPORTANT!
READ IT OUT LOUD, HAY LIN!
"NERISSA LIVES IN THE WORLD OF NIGHTMARES! BUT THAT IS ALSO HER WEAKNESS!"
ANYONE GET IT?
HMMM... MAYBE I DO.
THIS AFTERNOON, THE REASON WHY TARANEE AND IRMA HAD THE SAME DREAM WAS BECAUSE THEY FELL ASLEEP NEXT TO EACH OTHER!
WE KNOW NERISSA CAN REALLY ATTACK US ESPECIALLY WHEN SHE'S IN THAT DIMENSION!
RIGHT! THE FIRST TIME I MET HER, I WAS DREAMING AND SHE LEFT HER MARK ON ME!"
I THINK KADMA'S TRYING TO TELL US THAT THE OPPOSITE CAN HAPPEN, TOO!
OF COURSE! IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO AFFECT THE REAL WORLD FROM INSIDE A DREAM...
...THE EXACT OPPOSITE COULD PROBABLY HAPPEN! I GET IT!
"READ W.I.T.C.H. #16, NERISSA'S SEAL.


SO YOU WANT US TO ATTACK NERISSA IN THE WORLD OF NIGHTMARES?
IT'S BETTER THAN GOING TO DIG HER OUT OF MOUNT THANOS!
PLUS, IF WE FACE HER TOGETHER, MAYBE SHE WON'T HAVE A WAY TO ESCAPE!
WHAT A GENIUS! SO THERE REALLY IS A BRAIN UNDERNEATH ALL THOSE GOLDIE LOCKS! ALL WE NEED TO DO IS FALL ASLEEP ALL TOGETHER!
WHAT DO YOU SAY WE HAVE A NICE PAJAMA PARTY AT MY HOUSE TONIGHT?
RIGHT! YOUR FOLKS WON'T BE THERE, AND WE CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT GUARD DOG OF A NEIGHBOR, NO SWEAT!
BUT SOMETHING'S FUNNY HERE! WHY WOULD KADMA TRUST A MESSAGE LIKE THIS TO SNAIL MAIL?
YOU MET HER, HAY LIN! SHE'S GOT A PERSONALITY THAT'S... HOW CAN I PUT THIS? A BIT DIFFICULT?
GO AHEAD AND SAY IT! SHE'S A CHRONIC GROUCH! SHE'S OBVIOUSLY NOT CRAZY ABOUT US!
SO? I SAY WE GIVE IT A SHOT! MAYBE WE'LL JUST END UP SLEEPING, BUT AT LEAST WE WON'T BE ALONE!

LATER ON, AT THE HEATHERFIELD OBSERVATORY...
FASCINATING!
THEN YOU UNDERSTAND SOMETHING, ERIC?
NOTHING AT ALL! BUT IF I CAN GIVE YOU A HAND, I'LL DO WHATEVER I CAN! I'M NOT ABLE TO DECIPHER RUNIC...
...BUT THIS MATERIAL WILL DEFINITELY INTEREST MY GRANDPA!
GULP! THE PROFESSOR?
UM... NO, BUT I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT HIM!
THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL HIM, BUT HIS NAME'S ZACHARY LYNDON! DID I ALREADY INTRODUCE YOU TO HIM?
OF COURSE, I'LL ONLY TALK TO MY GRANDPA IF WILL AGREES! AFTER ALL, IT'S HER DIARY!
IT'S PERFECTLY OKAY! BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A BOTHER...
HE'LL BE HAPPY TO HELP! GRANDPA LOVES SOLVING PUZZLES!

THANKS FOR ASKING ERIC FOR HELP, HAY LIN!
I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO SEE HIM AGAIN! I JUST HOPE HE CAN SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM!
SO WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT ERIC'S GRANDFATHER? YOU ACTED SO WEIRD WHEN YOU HEARD HIS NAME!
I'M SURE THERE'S SOMETHING THAT CAN HELP ALL OF US IN THOSE FORMULAS!
THEN WE'D BETTER HURRY! THEY MIGHT COME IN HANDY AT OUR PAJAMA PARTY!
HE'S A SCIENTIST! AN ASTRONOMER, TO BE EXACT! AND THEN, I HATE MEETING RELATIVES... UM...
IN ANY CASE, THERE ARE TOTALLY STRANGE STORIES ABOUT HIM! REALLY SPOOKY ONES!
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?
COME RIGHT IN, AND BE CAREFUL ON THE STEPS! GRANDPA'S DOWN IN THE BASEMENT!
DON'T WORRY! I'M NOT TAKING YOU INTO THE DARK DUNGEONS OF THE OBSERVATORY!

MY GRANDPA THOUGHT THAT DOWN HERE WAS THE PERFECT PLACE TO SET UP A NEW PLANETARIUM! WE'RE JUST FINISHING THE LAST SPECIAL EFFECTS! LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU THINK!
WOW! THIS IS WAY COOL!
IT'S ALL A SIMULATION! ORDINARY PEOPLE AREN'T VERY INTERESTED IN ASTRONOMY! IN FACT, I'M SURPRISED GIRLS YOUR AGE ARE CURIOUS ABOUT THE SUBJECT!
?
IT'S LIKE... IT'S LIKE FLOATING AROUND IN SPACE!
BUT THIS LIGHT SHOW SHOULD RAISE AT LEAST A LITTLE BIT OF INTEREST AMONG YOUNGSTERS, DON'T YOU THINK?

ZACHARY LYNDON, ERIC'S GRANDFATHER, IS A MYSTERIOUS MAN OF FEW WORDS!
RECLUSIVE AND WITHDRAWN, PEOPLE HAVE A LOT TO SAY ABOUT HIM... AND NONE OF IT IS VERY REASSURING!
YET IT ONLY TAKES WILL ONE LOOK TO UNDERSTAND...
...THAT SHE CAN TRUST HIM!
HMM!
CAN I KEEP THIS FOR A FEW DAYS? I'LL NEED TO DO SOME RESEARCH TO DECIPHER IT CORRECTLY!
OF COURSE, PROFESSOR LYNDON! TAKE ALL THE TIME YOU NEED!

LATER ON, AT CORNELIA'S, THE PAJAMA PARTY HAS BEGUN...
...EVEN IF IT DOESN'T REALLY HAVE THE SPIRIT OF A PARTY!
DON'T WORRY, MOM! YEAH, WE'LL BE GOING TO BED SOON! OKAY! YEAH! YEAH!
PHEW! IT WAS TOUGH GETTING HER TO LET ME SLEEP OVER! SHE'S STILL ASKING ABOUT WHAT TIME WE'RE HITTING THE HAY!
YOU'RE TELLING ME! I HAD TO MAKE UP A MILLION EXCUSES TO CONVINCE MY FOLKS!
LET'S JUST HOPE IT'LL HELP US SOMEHOW!
DLIN DLON
IT'S THE NIGHT PATROL! HAND ME THAT SHAKER, WOULD YOU, HAY LIN?
EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT, CORNELIA? I JUST STOPPED BY TO ASK IF I COULD BORROW A LITTLE...
...SALT! OF COURSE, MISS PROTTINGER! HERE YOU GO, MISS PROTTINGER!

..YOU'RE WELCOME, MISS PROTTINGER! GOOD NIGHT, MISS PROTTINGER!
HOW DID YOU KNOW SHE WAS GOING TO ASK YOU FOR SALT?
TODAY SHE PEEKED IN WITH THE EXCUSES OF BUTTER, FLOUR AND SUGAR! THE ONLY INGREDIENT MISSING WAS SALT, SO SHE'S FINISHED NOW!
CLUD
WAIT A MINUTE! I..
PROCESS OF ELIMINATION!
YOU THINK SHE'S DOING THIS TO MAKE YOUR FOLKS HAPPY, OR FOR PERSONAL PLEASURE?
NO DOUBT IT'S BECAUSE SHE'S A CERTIFIED SNOOP! AND NOW, IT'S BEDTIME, GUYS!
YEAH, SURE! I'M WIDE-AWAKE!
HOW CAN YOU GO TO SLEEP, KNOWING WHAT'S IN STORE FOR US?
YEAH! A REAL NIGHTMARE COME TRUE, WITH NERISSA TO BOOT!
THE ONLY WAY TO HANDLE THIS IS NOT TO THINK TOO MUCH ABOUT IT AND TO TRY TO KILL TIME SOMEHOW!

WHAT'S WRONG, HAY LIN? ARE YOU WORRIED?
I WAS THINKING ABOUT NERISSA'S TRILL! I'M AFRAID OF HEARING IT AGAIN!
THAT'S NATURAL! NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHAT IT REALLY MEANS!
IT'S NOT JUST THAT! MUSIC NORMALLY WHIPS UP MEMORIES IN MY MIND, OR GIVES ME CERTAIN SENSATIONS...
...BUT THE TRILL... IT'S AS THOUGH IT WAS TOTALLY VOID OF SPIRIT!
WOW! A DOLLHOUSE!
SO THAT'S HOW CORNELIA SPENDS HER FREE TIME!
HEY! COME TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT I FOUND IN CORNELIA'S ROOM!
VERY FUNNY! IT WAS HIDDEN IN THE CLOSET UNTIL LILIAN TOOK IT OUT!
THINK WHAT YOU WANT, BUT I KNOW HOW I'M GOING TO SPEND MY TIME WAITING TO GET SLEEPY!

TIME PASSES... VERY SLOWLY, AT FIRST...
...AND THEN GENTLY WEIGHS DOWN ON THE TIRED EYES OF THE GIRLS...
...WHO SWEETLY DRIFT THROUGH THE GATES OF THE REAL WORLD...
...TO ENTER THE WORLD OF DREAMS!
I THINK THE IDEA OF ALL OF US SLEEPING IN THE SAME PLACE WORKED!
YEAH! IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN, WE'RE INSIDE MY DOLLHOUSE!

IT LOOKS LIKE IT! ALTHOUGH I CAN'T SAY IT'S TOTALLY REASSURING!
LUCKILY WE'RE ALREADY TRANSFORMED!
BETTER! THAT'S MUCH BETTER!
?
THAT WAY WE'RE ALL READY...
TO PLAY TOGETHER!
...NERISSA!
OH, HOW THOUGHTLESS OF ME! YOU'RE GUESTS IN MY NIGHTMARE!
SWISSS
SWISSS
SWISSS
CAN I OFFER YOU SOME TEA?

SPACK
NO, THANKS!
SPACK
CRASH
GOOD! I CAN SEE THAT FOR YOU TO FEEL SAFE, YOU HAVE TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE AT LEAST TWO OF YOU!
LEARN TO COUNT, WITCH!
N-NO! YOU CAN'T ALL BE HERE!
DEAL WITH IT! THIS TIME YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MUST'VE OVEREATEN!
THEN IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE IT!
BUY ONE, GET FOUR FREE, NERISSA! TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT!
SHAZAM TRZZZ

AH! I CAN'T SEE!
IT'LL PASS IN A MOMENT! LET'S MOVE!
CRASH
CORNELIA, THIS IS YOUR HOUSE! WHERE DOES THAT DOOR LEAD?
WELL, IF THIS IS THE DINING ROOM, THAT MEANS NERISSA IS IN THE...
...KITCHEN?
NOT BAD! YOUR PLACE IS NICE AND ROOMY!
DOWN THERE!
THIS LOOKS LIKE THE CHESS-BOARD WE WERE PLAYING WITH BEFORE FALLING ASLEEP!

SHE'S CHANGED BACK INTO HER REAL APPEARANCE! AND SHE'S SO FAST!
I DON'T GET IT! WHY IS SHE RUNNING AWAY?
MAYBE SHE CAN'T TAKE ALL OF US ON AT THE SAME TIME IN DREAMS!
AFTER ALL, HER FRIENDS AREN'T HERE TO HELP HER!
?
OPEN UP! PLEASE!
HELP!
JUMP
JUMP
JUMP
CAN'T... CAN'T YOU GUYS HEAR THE SHOUTS COMING FROM THESE DOORS?
WHAT'S GOING ON, CORNELIA?
AAAH!
I HEARD CALEB'S VOICE BEHIND THIS DOOR!
DON'T OPEN IT!

QUICK! GIVE ME A HAND!
COMING RIGHT UP!
SHAAIZZ
SHAAIZZZ
AH!
SBAM
TH-THANKS, GUYS! I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOT INTO ME!
AND I THINK SHE'S DOING A GREAT JOB OF IT! THE DOORS HAVE DISAPPEARED!
I DO! NERISSA'S DOING EVERYTHING SHE CAN TO SLOW US DOWN!

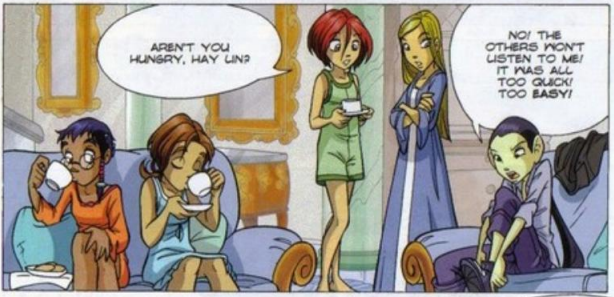
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT DOOR LEADS TO, BUT THERE'S NO WAY NERISSA'S GETTING THROUGH IT!
THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR LIGHTS UP AND DRIFTS OUT OF WILL'S HAND...
...POSITIONING ITSELF AT THE CENTER OF THE CIRCLE FORMED BY THE GIRLS!
...AND THEN...
YES! I'VE DONE IT!
WHAT...
TUMP
ON EARTH...

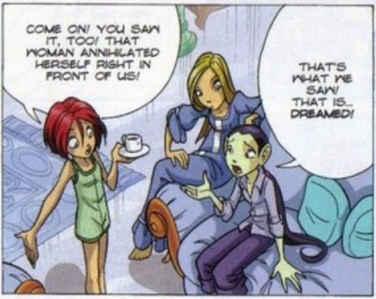
NO!
IT CAN'T
BE!

GOOD GOING, WILL! LATER ON, MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN HOW YOU DID THAT!
TAKE A NUMBER, IRMA! FIRST I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE IT OUT MYSELF!
YOU LITTLE FOOL! IT WAS THE HEART THAT DID IT ALL! ONLY IT COULD HAVE CAPTURED ME!
THIS JEWEL ONCE BELONGED TO ME, BUT NOW I AM UNDER ITS IMMENSE POWER!
SO BE IT! IT IS TIME TO SHOW THE HEART WHO'S REALLY IN COMMAND!
WOOOOO
SHHHATRRRZZZ
AAARGH!

YOU CAN'T SCRATCH THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR! GIVE UP, AND THE CONSEGATION WILL GO EASY ON YOU!
UHHH...
HEH, HEH, HEH! YOU NAIVE LITTLE GIRL!
I'VE ALREADY EXPERIENCED THE LENIENCY OF THOSE FOOLS!
THIS TIME, NOT EVEN THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD BACK...
NERISSA!
NO! DON'T DO IT!
THE FORMER GUARDIAN HURLS ALL OF HER POWERS AGAINST THE SURFACE OF THE PENDANT!

AND HER CRY OF RAGE AND PAIN IS LOST IN A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHT...
AND THEN... NOTHING...
WELCOME BACK, SLEEPYHEAD! YOU'RE THE LAST ONE UP!
NERISSA! IS SHE...
YEAH! WE ALL HAD THE SAME DREAM, UP UNTIL THE VERY END!





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